



By the King.  
A P R O C L A M A T I O N

Touching the Articles of Peace with *Argiers*, *Tunis*, and *Tripoli*.

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**H**is Majesty taking into his serious consideration the great detriment which the Navigation of these his Majesties Kingdoms was daily exposed to, by the injuries sustained from the Ships of War belonging to Argier, Tunis, and Tripoli, was graciously pleased (out of the tender regard he hath to the good of Trade and Navigation) at a great expence of Treasure, to send a Fleet into the Mediterranean Seas, which it hath pleased Almighty God so to prosper, as to bring that Undertaking to the desired issue of Peace, on terms honourable and advantageous to the Trade and Navigation of these his Majesties Kingdoms. For the Preservation whereof, (in which as well his Majesties Honour, as the welfare of his good Subjects, is so nearly concerned) his Majesty, by and with the Advice of his Privy Council, hath thought fit to Command the same to be forthwith Printed and Published; And his Majesty doth hereby strictly Charge and Command, That the said Articles of Peace between his Majesty and the City and Kingdom of Argiers, and Territories thereof, concluded by Sir John Lawson Knight, according to Instructions received in that behalf, And also the Articles of Peace concluded by the said Sir John Lawson the Fifth day of October 1662. between his said Majesty and Mahomet Bassa the Duana of the City of Tunis, Hage Mustapha Dei, Morett Bei, and the rest of the Soldiers in the Kingdom of Tunis, And also the Articles of Peace concluded by the said Sir John Lawson, the Eighteenth of October, One thousand six hundred sixty and two, between his said Majesty and Osman Bassa, and the people of the City and Kingdom of Tripoli, be by all his Majesties Subjects of what degree or quality soever, duly observed and performed, upon pains of the most severe punishments due to the con-

temners of His Majesties Commands, and violaters of Publick Faith. For the more exact obserbation whereof, and for securing the honour of the English Navigation (to which it would be a great blemish, if persons or goods received into their Protection, should by the Commanders of any English Ships be without resistance delivered into the hands of their enemies) His Majesty hath thought fit, and hereby doth Command, That when any of His Majesties Subjects shall receive on board the Ships under their Command, any Turks, or their Goods, they shall to the utmost of their power, by fighting or otherwise, preserve and defend them against any whatsoever. For the more effectual execution whereof, and to the end that the Consul and other His Majesties good Subjects residing within the Territories of Argiers, Tunis and Tripoli, may not be exposed to make reparation for such losses as the Turks may have received in that kind by the fault of others, His Majesty doth hereby Order and Command all Masters of Ships belonging to any of His Dominions, to give, and doth hereby Authorize and Require the English Consuls in the Turkish Dominions, to demand and receive Security for the doing and performing thereof accordingly. And in case any Master of a Ship shall refuse to give Security, His Majesty doth hereby Impower the said Consul to restrain him from receiving any Turks, or their goods on board his Ship or Vessel. And whereas by the respective Articles of Peace it is agreed, That the Passes of the High Admiral of England for the time being shall be sufficient evidence that the Ship belongeth to His Majesties Subjects, and that upon producing thereof the Ship shall be suffered to pass without further molestation, whereby all pretences of diverting the Ships of His Majesties Subjects from their intended course, in order to further examination, may be taken away; which as it is of great convenience and ease of His Majesties Subjects, so the abuse thereof might be of ill consequence, if Foreigners should by indirect means procure the said Passes, or counterfeit the same, whereby not only the benefit of the Peace which His Majesty hath with expence of so much Treasure obtained for His own Subjects, should be derived to strangers, but also occasion of breach might be given to the Turks, upon supposition of wilful abuse therein by His Majesties protecting others than His own Subjects: For the preventing thereof, His Majesty hath not only given Order that no Passes shall be granted, but upon Affidavit made that the Ship belongeth to His Majesties Subjects, and no other, but also that Counterparts of the said Passes should be sent to the respective Governours of Argiers, Tunis and Tripoli, so as each of their men of War may carry with them one of the said Counterparts, whereby the counterfeiting of Passes will be rendered ineffectual to such as shall attempt the same. And for the ease of such of His Majesties Subjects as dwell remote from His Majesties City of London, His Majesty hath given Order, That upon Affidavit made before the Magistrate of any City or Town-Corporate, and Certified under their Common Seal to His High-Admiral of England for the time being, a Pass shall be granted without further trouble; Whereof His Majesty willet all His good Subjects to take notice.

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GOD SAVE THE KING.

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